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RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.

What becomes of the majority of the new members who are elected to our associations, or, alternatively, what happens to a large number of the old members? This question is prompted by a recent remark of the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who, seeking endorsement at the annual meeting of the election of 170 new members, commented on the fact that, although they elected about 150 members every year, the net gain to the Guild was only ten or twelve. And in the same ratio, more or less, this is probably the experience of most other associations. The surplus certainly is not lost entirely by death; it must be that there is a considerable leakage from the membership by lapses. Well might the Oxford Guild secretary ask that 'the little fish should not be allowed to slip off the hook.' It is difficult enough to get new material to make up natural wastage; it is disheartening to lose it when once it has been secured. A good many who slip away are those who, having learned a little, move to some other district where their interest is insufficient to prompt them to find their way to fresh towers among strangers. This, we believe to be a source of considerable loss, but it could largely be prevented if only local secretaries or conductors would take a little trouble—and it is really worth a good deal of trouble in these days to save the loss of a ringer.

When a keen and enthusiastic ringer changes his abode he may be relied upon to find his way to the tower most convenient to him, but the tyro has not reached the same level of interest and has not the incentive to strike up a new connection. It may, however, need only the least inducement to keep him within the fold—a personal invitation and a friendly reception may be all-sufficient. The key to the situation lies with the secretary of the tower from which the ringer has departed. He should make it his business to communicate (either directly, if possible, or through the association secretaries) with the tower to which the ringer is going, so that the newcomer may be looked up in his fresh place of abode. By this means many a young ringer might be kept within the Exercise. It is often said that a ringer who is worth his salt will always find his way to a tower, but that is not altogether true. There are those who are diffident about going among strangers; and it is against the loss of these, as well as of the 'uncertainties,' that efforts should be made. The losses, of course, are not all from removals. Many a fish gets off the hook of his own tower through sheer indifference, and it is not merely among beginners that this happens. The appeal

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which the secretary of the Oxford Guild made to the foremen of towers in his own area may well be addressed to responsible ringers everywhere. Those who remove ought not to be lost for the sake of following up; those who would drift through indifference ought not to be lost without an effort to keep them.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*PERCY AMOS Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. 7
*GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER 8
*JOHN H. BLUFF 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 9
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

ALBERT WRIGHT Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
TREVERS PRITCHARD 2	THOMAS PRICE 7
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS 8
GEORGE GOULDING 4	LESLIE BARRY 9
FRANK PONTING 5	*CECIL CHANON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung for the festival of St. Lawrence and the birth-day of the ringer of the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN RANGLES 5
WILLIAM ROBERTS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
GEORGE SPERRING 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, Rev. J. Williams, who has resigned the living.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
*WILLIAM WATHAN 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for T. R. Taylor, of Portsmouth, who was on a visit to his native town.

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(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICKER'S

GEORGE BARLOW Treble	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
BENJAMIN THORPE 4	ALFRED WAITES Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to J. Garlick, a former ringer at the church, who was interred the same day.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS ... 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. 6
EVEREST FORD 3	JOHN POTTER 7
PETER CROOK, JUN. 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung in connection with the jubilee celebrations at this church, and arranged for Mr. A. E. Wreaks, now of Paisley.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. 27 lb.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
THOMAS FOSTER 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
*NORMAN HEAPS 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING BARNET.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*F. CASLEY Treble	W. PICKWORTH 5
†G. PLAYER 2	N. TOMLINSON 6
H. J. ELDRÉD 3	H. MILLER 7
†F. BARKER 4	A. G. CRANE Tenor

Conducted by N. TOMLINSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Sumpter, captain of Barnet tower, for his 80th birthday, also to W. J. Eldred, son of the ringer of the 3rd. These are the oldest and youngest members of the Barnet band. The peal was also a birthday compliment to F. Casley and the daughter of the conductor. It was originally arranged for July 26th, the actual date of Mr. Sumpter's and W. J. Eldred's birthdays, but had to be postponed owing to the funeral of the late Rector of Barnet.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
HERBERT DEVENISH 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.
First peal in the method as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL ... 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	*ARTHUR G. BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF HEReward BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

First peal in the method for the association and for all the band. Arranged for Messrs. Reeves and Vincent, who rang the method for the first time.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM T. BERSON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Beer, of Gravesend, and to Mr. C. N. Burdock, of Guildford, the band wishing him a speedy recovery from his long illness.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN, Ladies Guild... .. Treble	
JOHN H. SWINFELD, Midland Counties Association 2	
ALFRED KING, Bedfordshire Association 3	
FRANCIS KIRK, Hertford County Association 4	
DANIEL COOPER, Surrey Association 5	
ERNEST F. POPPY, Suffolk Guild 6	
RICHARD A. POST, Oxford Diocesan Guild 7	
*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS, Truro Diocesan Guild Tenor	

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, also on the anniversary of Mr. F. Kirk's wedding. All members of the band had been on tour with the Bristol Guilds during the week.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

THOMAS CHAPPEL Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEBBLE 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	* JAMES M. BAILEY 7
REGINALD C. KERSEY 4	† WILLIAM C. RUNSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* 50th peal in the method. † First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

* JOHN A. G. GREEN Treble	HARRY SEAR 5
FRED C. CASE 2	FRANK WEST 6
ALBERT J. GREEN 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4	GEORGE FODDY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Stedman. F. West is from West Wycombe.
PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 2	ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WILFRED HALLIWELL Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of London as conductor.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	* THOMAS C. CASTLE 6
* JOSEPH MARKS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
* SIDNEY CARTER 4	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
EDGAR G. SWIFT 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
The first Surprise peal on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

* ARTHUR C. OTWAY Treble	† GEORGE E. CLODE 5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
* RICHARD V. FULLER 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Rang as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. J. Otway, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung on the 52nd anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples on these bells, and to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. E. Harrison (Vicar of Willenhall) and Mrs. Harrison.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

* MISS F. K. HARTLE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	* REGINALD T. NEWMAN 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method by the association.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	FREDERICK W. ATTWOOD ... 3
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	* NELSON F. BLACKSIDGE ... 4
	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles conducted by C. Wallater. First peal on the bells.

ALDINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

* DENNIS HOOKER Treble	† LESLIE C. SMITH 4
PERCY PAGE 2	EDWARD S. RUCK 5
FREDERICK WANSTALL ... 3	* ERNEST J. WANSTALL ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung in connection with the thanksgiving and commemoration service for the 400th anniversary of the death of Archbishop Warham, who built the tower of the church.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with varied callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WHYBROW 2	...Trebles	MANSFIELD GINN 4
ERNEST J. KING 2		ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRED C. GINN 3		FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells, recently rehung, which date back to 1753. Mr. E. J. King hails from St. Giles', Camberwell, and was 'home' on holiday. The rest belong to Over.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 120's of April Day, five of Canterbury Pleasure, 20 of Grandsire and six 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS 3	...Trebles	REGINALD MORRIS 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2		EDMUND MORRIS 4

G. JAMES R. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss Emily Mary Dew, whose father was Rector from 1843 to 1902.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SEVEN VARIATIONS. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT W. LINGWOOD 4	...Trebles	GEORGE A. COOKE 4
†ARTHUR DYE 2		FRANK V. GANT 5
EDWARD C. COOKE 3		CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. The thanks of the visitors are extended to the treble ringer for taking part at a minute's notice.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

HORACE H. SMITH 4	...Trebles	ALBERT FLEET 4
*ARTHUR KERSHAW 2		MARK LANE 5
CHARLES W. SMITH 3		SYDNEY FOSKETT Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

* First peal.

MEARS ASHBY.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS 4	...Trebles	AMOS SMART 4
JOHN J. MAWBY 2		JOHN M. GRAY 5
FRANCIS BALL 3		ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM SHARP 4	...Trebles	WILLIAM STOCK 4
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE 2		SYDNEY FOSKETT 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3		PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

THE YORKSHIRE TOUR.

BURLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5	...Trebles	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3		LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

CHARLES W. PLAYER 5	...Trebles	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		GEORGE R. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4		EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of London on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6	...Trebles	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2		FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3		LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
WILLIAM HORAN 4		EDWARD JENKINS 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	...Trebles	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2		WILLIAM HORAN 6
*GEORGE R. NEWTON 3		LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4		EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method with an 'inside' bell. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	...Trebles	CHARLES E. LAWSON 5
FRANK BENNETT 2		CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3		LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Kynaston and Mr. Harry Jarman.

BETHNAL GREEN.—For evening on Sunday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Parrott 1, J. F. Parrott 2, H. Hills 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, J. Martin 5, L. Sadler 6, L. Wapshere 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HERBERT DEVONPORT 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Superlative on the bells and the 400th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

BERSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	*WILLIAM HORAN 6
†GEORGE R. PYE 3	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
*GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by N. G. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal in the method and also on the bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5031 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
JOHN H. LINTON 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	WILLIAM HORAN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
WILLIAM HORAN 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells and rung for the patronal festival.

A SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR.

Seven peals were the outcome of a tour in Somerset and Dorset last week, Superlative, Bristol, Cambridge and London all included, as well as Double Norwich and Stedman Caters.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 3	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	GEORGE W. FLEYCHER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE Treble	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 5
MISS MARCIA WHITE 2	EDWARD G. COWARD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 4	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

DISLEY.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning, August 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; W. Atkinson 1, S. Ardern (first 720 in the method) 2, H. Haythorn 3, A. T. Marsland 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Spliced Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars, Kingston and Snauld: W. Atkinson 1, H. Haythorn 2, A. T. Marsland 3, A. Bancroft 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Milner (conductor) 6. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late organist, Dr. Haydock.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD 6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. 7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 5	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by JAMES G. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS
KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.
SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
*MISS MARCIA WHITE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal in the method.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN BRAMLEY RINGER.

Mr. James Guy, of Bramley, Yorks, passed away in his 78th year on August 6th. He is credited with 23 peals in the records of the Yorkshire Association, of which he became a member in the year 1891. The funeral took place on August 9th, the first part of the service being taken in Christ Church, Armley, the interment being at St. Bartholomew's, Armley. The Vicar of Christ Church, Armley, officiated, and a course of Bob Major was rung at the graveside by M. Moorhouse 1-2, J. W. Moorhouse 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, G. W. Slack 7-8. Then eight of the many ringers present at the funeral went to St. Peter's, Bramley, and rang the bells deeply muffled to the memory of the deceased.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' 'BEST EVER.'

The Lavenham Society had a very enjoyable tour for their annual outing. A start was made at 8 a.m., and at Monks Eleigh Mr. A. Keeble joined the party. On reaching Hadleigh, it was not long before the grand peal of eight at St. Mary's Church was tapping out short touches. This was followed by a lovely run through part of Constable's country to Ardeigh, where several courses were rung on the light eight at St. Mary the Virgin's Church. Here another honorary member of the society (Mr. W. Dent) joined the party, and Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, also met and rang with them. At Harwich the party were met by Mr. Ellis and the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome. Further short touches were enjoyed on this handy peal of eight, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung on the famous handbells at this church. A move was then made to the Cherry Tree Inn, Dovercourt, where an excellent lunch was enjoyed, following which the Dulcet Handbell Quartette rendered some favourite airs on their fine peal of 16, whilst 'recognition' prizes were presented to George, the Joker, the Deputy Bob-caller and the overgrown Mascot. At Kirby-le-Soken, the next place of call, Mr. Nevard again popped up, but the schedule having become somewhat dislocated, only a few courses were rung here, and a quick move was made to Great Holland, where hangs a new and very musical peal of eight, on which the party tapped off well-struck courses in various methods. The last church visited was St. Peter's, Colchester, where other old friends were met, including Messrs. E. Beckwith and W. Keeble, and some of the local men. The ringing on these fine toned bells was very much enjoyed. Home was reached at 10.15 p.m., at the close of what was voted 'the best ever.' The party wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited, also all the friends who helped to make the outing such a pleasant one.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two trebles are to be added to the fine ring at Newbury, Berks. They will make an excellent peal of ten, with tenor of 21½ cwt. in D. We understand the work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. A. E. Wreaks, of Paisley, Scotland, who was formerly hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association, has escaped temporarily from 'exile,' and has been visiting his 'native heath.' He took part last week in a peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, where formerly he was conductor and called the first peal on the bells 42 years ago.

Before the peal, the first in a Surprise Major method, on the bells of Stoke Mandeville Church, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday, the bells were raised in readiness for the visitors by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Winterton), who kindly left an open belfry, and congratulated the ringers at the successful conclusion of their efforts.

If 'Tommy Rot' will send his name and address, we will see what can be done.

ST. ALBANS RINGER'S DEATH.

FALL FROM STEPS.

The company at St. Albans Abbey has lost one of its most valued members by the death of Mr. Harry Dexter Hollick, who succumbed in St. Albans Hospital on August 4th to injuries received earlier in the day. Mr. Hollick, who was 42 years of age, was a carpenter by trade, and was engaged on maintenance work at Aldenham School. He was repairing a fanlight in the dining hall pantry when, from some reason unknown, he fell. The school caretaker's wife, hearing a noise in the pantry, went to ascertain the cause, and found Mr. Hollick lying on the concrete floor, with the steps in the opposite direction. The back support of the steps was newly broken. Mr. Hollick was unconscious and was removed to hospital, where he died the same night from shock following a fracture of the base of the skull. At the subsequent inquest a verdict of 'Death from misadventure' was returned.

Mr. Hollick, who was unmarried and resided with his brother at Hatfield Road, St. Albans, was of a quiet, retiring disposition, but he had a large circle of friends. He had been a member of the Cathedral Society since March, 1909, and only on April 5th of this year he was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Ten days before his death, when the Beds, Herts and Middlesex Associations held a joint meeting at St. Albans, he took his share in helping to make the gathering a success, and was in charge of the Abbey belfry immediately after tea.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, August 9th. The first part of the service was held in the Lady Chapel at the Abbey, and was conducted by Canon A. Mayhew, the interment being in the family grave at St. Albans Cemetery, where a short touch of Grandire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. J. Malyan, W. H. L. Buckingham, H. E. C. Goodenough and C. Jeffs. Among those present, in addition to the family mourners, were Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer, representing the Herts County Association), Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor of the Cathedral Society), Mr. C. Jeffs (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Blow (hon. treasurer), Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, W. H. Buckingham, C. Walklate, F. Beeson and S. Lindsell (Cathedral), T. Blow and J. Malyan (St. Stephen's), and representatives of the firm by whom the deceased was employed.

The floral tributes included one of asters, roses and lilies of the valley, in the shape of a bell, from the Cathedral Society.

In the evening the bells of the Abbey were rung half-muffled.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Michael Mulcahy, a dapper little Irishman, has recently enjoyed a 'mike' in the South Midlands, and at Hereford City Court was sentenced to a term of hard labour for false pretences. In the name of 'James Green,' of Leominster, probably as a compliment to the 'Ererakd' Isle, his 'blarney' was generously responded to at Slough, Caversham, Bucklebury, Stourbridge and other places.

Ten 'counts' were taken into consideration that showed the church bellringers of England to be most charitably disposed, and there are ten bells at the Priory Church, Leominster. This case is reported to 'The Ringing World' for the information of the Exercise generally as a warning.

W. H. F.

GAYTON AT GAYTON.

The peal of Minor at Gayton, Northants, on Saturday, was the fulfilment of a long standing desire on the part of the conductor, Mr. W. H. Gayton. Formerly the rumours of the bad 'go' of the bells scared most hands from making any peal attempt.

The bells have recently been rehung in a new iron frame and with ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and are a delightful ring. The tone and 'go' of them are splendid, and the bells are a great pleasure to ring. The offer of the use of the car of one of the ringers, and volunteers for the band, enabled the attempt to be made.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

ANCIENT DAYS AT HARRIETSHAM RECALLED.

The attempt for the record peal of Bob Major at Harrietsham, Kent, on Saturday, came to grief through a change course, after ringing 9,888 changes in 5 hours 45 mins.

In James Barham's days, Harrietsham was the centre of much ringing, and this peal attempt, which was for 22,176 changes, would have been after Barham's own heart. Apart from his share in the 40,520 Bob Major rung at Leeds by fourteen men in 27 hours on April 7th and 8th, 1761, Barham himself, in an earlier attempt in 1755 (which was lost through the breaking of the 6th clapper after ringing 24,800 changes), 'stood 14 hours 44 mins. under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs.' Recorded on a board in Harrietsham belfry are a number of peals in which he took part.



HARRIETSHAM CHURCH.

In this tower was completely rung by the Lenham Company the following 8 Bell Peals:

December 8th, 1746, was rung 10,080 changes of that admired peal called Bob Major in seven hours by John Epps, Treble, Sam Grayling 2nd, Thos. Barham 3rd, Jas. Barham 4th, Abram. Barham 5th, Will Hunt 6th, John Freeland 7th, John Hunt, Tenor. March 5th, 1743, was rung a musical peal of 6,720 changes of Oxford Triple Bob in 4 hours 21 minutes, including Jacob Blundell and Ben Walker. June 13th, 1743, was rung 6,720 Bob Major, 4 hours 31 minutes, including Will Eagles. N.B. Here was also rung 5,040 Bob Major, including Nicholas Grayling and Iden Plane, also 5,040 Bob Major Triples, 5,040 Plain Bob Triples, 5,040 Fulham Triples, 10,080 Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major Double Reverse. The above ringers first instituted the Leeds Society, whose performance in ringing has not been equal'd by any Society of Ringers, and there is now surviving Saml. Grayling, John Freeland and Abram., Thos. and James Bayham and John Hunt who new erected this inscription. These six ringers with the assistance of Thos. Lacy and Willm. Davis rung at Leeds January, 1793, 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes whose ages when added together is 577 years and it is remarkable that this peal compleats 100 Peals rung at different places, not less than 5,040 each, by the above James Barham.

It was at Harrietsham with the Lenham Society that Barham rang his first twenty peals.

Harrietsham Church, dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, lies at the foot of the Downs of Kent, close to the old Watling Street. It dates from the year 1050, the present nave having been built between 1360 and 1380, the aisles in 1400, and the tower in 1420. The Stede Chapel was erected in the year 1320.

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SECRETS OF GOOD STRIKING.

A SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

The following are among the letters we have received on the kindred subjects of 'Good Striking' and a 'School of Instruction.'

To the Editor.

THE IMPORTANCE OF 'STANCE.'

Sir,—With reference to your recent leading article and correspondence on the subject of the tuition of learners, may I draw attention to one or two points which I think are often neglected: The position of the feet and the distance from the fall of the rope. During my 52 years' experience I have seen few instructors pay any attention to the former.

I was taught that the correct position of the feet was that one should be somewhat in front of the other, the heel of one being near the hollow of the other at an angle of about 30 degrees. This was, I think, correct, as a well-controlled pressure cannot so well be had when the feet are in the same plane. I have since learned the additional important point that the forward foot should be the opposite to the hand in which the rope end is held. That is that if the rope end be held in the left hand, the right foot should be in front and vice versa. The distance from the fall of the rope should be carefully watched in the initial stages, as I have seen learners allowed to get into the habit of ringing too far away, and consequently ringing entirely from their shoulders, and, in addition to making hard work for themselves, being unable to have sufficient control to strike their bell correctly.

Trusting these remarks may not be considered superfluous and wishing continued success to your excellent publication, whose claims I have recently been enforcing at our meetings.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM STORY.

2, Graingerville North, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PRACTISE TREBLE BOB.

Dear Sir,—I have been very pleased to read the articles in 'The Ringing World' with regard to striking. I do not profess to be a first-class striker, but I really try to do my best. If ringers would only keep a tight rope and listen for their own bell striking when passing another, it would improve their ringing. Some ringers do not take any notice whatever whether they are passing a large bell or a small one. If some ringers would take a lesson off some of the ladies up and down the country it would do them good. There are several ladies I have met who handle their bell well and strike it; always have their hands above their heads at each stroke and not under their chin; no one can have control of a bell with hands in that position. Make the bell pull at you and listen. If ringing a small bell, hold off the large ones in proportion and get out of the way next stroke—think of the men at back end.

Just a few words for the 9th and 7th men in Treble Bob Royal and Major. When going in the slow and the tenor is coming out, keep your ears open for 1.10.9, 1.9.10. Be prepared to cut down after striking clear of the tenor. Very often we hear these bells tumbling over one another. No doubt some of our readers will smile and turn up their noses at Treble Bob being mentioned, but if they would learn how to go in the 'slow' and lead properly—there is plenty of time while you are there—they would get on with other methods much better. Ring Treble Bob well before going on to any higher method.

I am afraid a School of Instruction would be very expensive for a greater part of the ringers. If they will only take advice which is very often given in the columns of this paper they would get on much better. I hope none of our ringing friends will take offence at my few remarks; but learn to handle their bell and strike it.—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

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A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Sir,—The suggestion of a school of instruction for ringers is surely but another of those problems which proves the necessity for a combined movement on the part of all, towards the forming of a national association. At least this end would have to be attained before it could be run with anything like success. For a single body to undertake a proposition of this kind is quite a different matter to forty or fifty trying to do so, each with varied opinions. We only have to look at the matter of finance. Some think it bad business to spend into capital, others retain the idea that no useful purpose is being served by hoarding up money in investments; and here is one point where, with numerous associations, they would soon get at loggerheads. To my mind, our present idea of county associations is quite inadequate and out of date. Other bodies connected with the Church, such as the C.E.M.S. and the Mothers' Union, are run nationally. Why not ringing? Many of these other problems which confront the Exercise, such as extra-territorial peals, with higher fees being charged by one Guild than another, would be much more easily overcome if our art was run on this basis. Our Central Council, too, would be more workable, and carry more weight. Under the present system no association can be absolutely forced to think or do as another. Each has its own ideas and is entitled to them, and no one has the right to say what another shall do with its money, whereas under a national body the position would be entirely different. At any rate, this is the opinion of

A NORTHERN'S RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., THE PASSING OF A FAMOUS RINGER.

We deeply regret to record that Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, died suddenly on Saturday evening, and the Exercise has lost one of its most lovable, as well as distinguished, members.

During the day on Saturday he seemed to be in perfect health. The last thing on Saturday night he took his wife a glass of milk and sat on the edge of the bed while she drank it. He was talking to her when, suddenly, he fell back and expired almost immediately. Earlier in the day his son had left home for his holiday, and received an urgent message through the police on Sunday morning to return. Mr. Barnett was 70 years of age.

There have been some figures in the Exercise who stand out to their contemporaries, as 'landmarks' through the years. Edwin Barnett, sen., has been one of these. There are few active ringers of to-day who can remember the time when his name was not conspicuous among those engaged in the art. For over 50 years he has occupied



THREE GENERATIONS.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., with his son and grandson. A photograph taken after the latter's first peal.

an honourable and honoured position in the ranks of ringers. His death will leave a noticeable gap, which, among his older friends at any rate, will never be filled.

Edwin Barnett was one of the world's quiet, unassuming workers. He held his own opinions, sometimes very strongly, but he never thrust them upon others. He was content to think for himself and act according to his lights. He went upon his way conscious only that he was striving to do his duty, and, whether at work or play, he gave of his best. He was a prolific peal ringer, but his peal ringing was by no means all done to achieve his own ambitions. Much of it was done to help and encourage others, and he was never better pleased than when helping some struggling beginner through a peal of Grandsire or some other simple method. Neither was he content to plod along in a rut, as witness the numerous methods and the varied spliced peals which he had rung and conducted. And he upheld the standard of ringing. Nothing delighted him more than a well-struck touch or peal; but he had no toleration for bad striking. In short, Edwin Barnett was an exceptional ringer—in enthusiasm, in ability, in patience.

Mr. Barnett was born at Ross, Herefordshire, in 1862, and educated at the Bluecoat School there. At the age of 13 he removed to Welsipool, where he became a Sunday 'chinner,' there being no ringing

there at that time. Three years later he went to Leytonstone, and there began his real connection with ringing. Opportunities for enthusiastic youngsters were not numerous in those days with the old school, but Mr. Barnett was one of those pupils who could not be 'kept down,' and within four months of learning to handle a bell he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at West Ham. That was in 1882, and in the 50 years which have since passed he has dedicated all his leisure to the art. After his first peal Mr. Barnett quickly rang two peals of Grandsire Caters with George Newson, who was quick to appreciate his qualities, and then Mr. Barnett left to take up an appointment at Monmouth, where he found the church and bells undergoing restoration. It was nearly two years before the work was completed, and during that time he walked regularly once a fortnight to the nearest place where he could get a change-ringing practice, which was Ross, 11 miles distant, reaching home again about 1 o'clock in the morning.

As soon as the bells at Monmouth were rehung, Mr. Barnett formed a band, all of whom he had to teach to handle a bell, but in little more than a year they had succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was his first as conductor. It was also the first peal on the bells and the second in the county of Monmouth, the previous one having been rung at Chepstow many years before. During the period he was at Monmouth, Mr. Barnett married and his son was born there. Very soon after the peal at Monmouth he returned to London and joined the band at Leytonstone, where he remained a member until 1889, when he removed to Crayford, with which place his name has been associated ever since. Here again he found practically a 'stoney' band but excellent material, and he quickly transformed it into one of the best change-ringing companies in the county.

Mr. Barnett has done a vast amount of work for the Kent County Association. He was elected on the committee in 1894, and has represented the association on the Central Council since 1903. His record of 'first peal in the method for the Kent County Association' is unique, for he has called about 30 from Triples to Maximus. For over fifty years he has been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—he and Mr. W. H. Fussell celebrated their jubilee together early this year—and in his early days was associated with John Cox, George Newson, Henry Dams and others whose names will live long in ringing history. With this society in 1894 he took part in the celebrated 13,440 Double Norwich-Major at Romford, after the band had rung over 13,000 changes a few weeks before at Brentwood, where the attempt was frustrated by the breaking of a rope. Double Norwich was one of Mr. Barnett's favourite methods, and in this and other plain methods he had done a good deal of composing.

As is now well known, three generations of Mr. Barnett's family have rung in peals together, and it has been Mr. Barnett's greatest joy in the last two years to witness the progress of his grandson, who has outstripped both father and grandfather in youthful performances. Edwin A. rang his first peal, with his father and grandfather, at the age of 11½ years. He has since gone on to ring peals in the four Surprise methods, and last of all to call a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the age of 13. Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., was intensely proud of the boy's performance—as well he might be—and it is strange that this should have been his last peal. Since then every attempt has been lost, and only on Friday, the day before his death, they rang to within three courses of a peal of London and failed. On August 5th a peal tablet was dedicated in Crayford belfry recording the boy's first peal at the age of 11 and his first peal as conductor at the age of 12. The names of his father and grandfather appear in the peals, and Edwin, sen., remarked at the close of the little ceremony: 'That tablet is the consummation of my ringing career.' It was prophetic. Little did those present think that tablet would also be his monument—he never rang another peal. His total was over 800.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon, with a plain, simple funeral service—no choir, no organ; only his beloved bells at the close. Thus passes from our midst one of the most skilful of ringers, most delightful of men, one who radiated kindness and gentleness, one who had a large circle of friends throughout the country—for he had visited many parts of the British Isles—a circle which he had continually widened throughout the years by his gentle nature and genial disposition.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT—Continued from previous page.

There were originally six bells in the tower installed in 1742 (this date being recorded on the oak frame), but it was not long before they were made into an octave, the two trebles being added in 1744. In 1885 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Warners, and in 1926 the second and sixth were recast at the Whitechapel Foundry. Three of the old bells recorded their history.

On the tenor was inscribed: 'Thos. Lester made us all. James Knight, Alex. Bottle, Churchwardens, 1742.'

'I to the Church ye living call,
'And to ye grave I summons all.'

On the 7th bell was: 'Thos. Lester made us all and Robt. Bottle hanged us all.'

The wording on the 2nd was quaint: 'You cannot be merry without me.'

ANCIENT BERKSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

BARRON TRUSTEES ENABLES HARWELL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The bells of St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, Berks, augmented from six to eight, cleaned, tuned, one-eighth turned and hung in a cast iron frame with ball bearings, iron headstocks and all the latest improvements, by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, were dedicated on Saturday afternoon, August 6th, by Bishop Roscow Shelden, Vicar of Wantage.

The church was filled to overflowing, more than 400 being present, and all were much impressed with the service, which included an anthem taken from the 122nd Psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me, I will go into the House of the Lord' (by G. J. Elvey), which was admirably rendered by the choir.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Cecil Cohen), and among other clergy present were the Revs. F. B. Girling (Brightwell), G. Kenworthy (Ardington), G. C. Kebble (Lockinge), J. Smith (Blowbury), C. J. Pickering (Denchworth), R. D. Parker (Lyford), A. Robinson (Steventon) and C. W. Fisher (East Hendred). After the Bishop had dedicated the bells, he handed the ropes to the incumbent, and then, as the clergy and choir returned to the chancel, the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes, everyone being charmed with the beauty of their tone and the excellence of the 'splice.' The bell-ringers' hymn followed, after which an impressive sermon was preached by the Bishop. During the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' a collection was made by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Oxford Guild secretary, and Mr. A. E. Lock, secretary of the North Berkshire Branch, in aid of the sum still required for improvements to the vestry and ringing chamber, and this amounted to the splendid sum of £15 12s. 6d.

After the Benediction, 'Now thank we all our God' was sung as a recessional hymn, and, as the large congregation left the church, a well-struck 'touch' of Stedman Triples was rung by R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 1, W. Hibbert 2, A. E. Lock 3, R. G. Rice 4, V. R. Hitchman 5, J. S. Napper 6, G. C. Rice 7, W. Corderoy 8.

Upwards of 100 ringers were present at the service, most of the Berkshire towers being represented, while there were others present from Goring, Caversham, London, Portmadoc, Swindon, Slough, Southampton, Oxford, Banbury, Benson, Nettlebed, Henley, Coventry, Marlow, etc. These were entertained to tea in the Technical Institute, where, with other guests, 167 sat down. The Vicar presided, and, after tea, on behalf of himself and Church Council, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. After reading letters of regret at inability to be present from the Rev. H. Crowther (his predecessor), the Rev. C. W. G. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and Mr. J. Oldham (manager of the Loughborough Foundry), he gave a brief resume of the raising of the fund, which was started in the time of the Rev. H. Crowther.

Dr. R. Rice then, on behalf of the whole parish, thanked the Barron Trustees for their magnificent gift in defraying the whole of the cost of the restoration of the bells, which probably would not have otherwise been possible for a decade.—This was supported by Mr. J. E. Pryor, parish warden, and Mr. Fred Hopkins, senior trustee, who was present with his wife, was enthusiastically received as he rose to reply. This he did in a humorous speech, and especially interesting were the facts he gave of the origin of the fund, left by the late Miss Emma Barron.

Mr. Denison Taylor gave a description of the Harwell bells, the oldest six in England, in a speech attentively listened to.

Other speakers included Mr. E. Ravenscroft, F.R.I.B.A., who had been in charge of the alterations to the tower; Mr. R. T. Hibbert (who in a characteristic speech said he hoped that before long Harwell would possess a band of ringers as excellent as the choir, to which they had listened that day); the Rev. F. B. Girling, chairman of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Guild; Mr. W. Hitchman and Mr. R. G. Rice, foreman and secretary respectively of the local band.

The tower was then besieged by the numerous ringers, the next 'touch' being one of Stedman Triples by a band composed of the five lady ringers present and three famous veterans, viz.: Miss D. Blencowe 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, G. Holfield, sen., 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, E. Bishop 8.

After this the bells were kept going to various 'touches' until a late hour. In addition to the bell restoration, improvements to the amount of £250, raised locally, have been done to the tower, including repairs to the roof, strengthening of the walls of the bell chamber with cement, etc., new louvres and shutters, and two new floors between the bell and ringing chambers, the latter being matchboarded all round. The 73 steps have been restored with York stone. All this was done under the superintendence of Mr. Ravenscroft, the diocesan surveyor. The conditions for ringing may now be said to be perfect. The circle and the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber could hardly be bettered. The following are the particulars of the bells:—

Treble: diameter 2ft. 3in., note E, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., founders J. Taylor, date 1932.

2nd: 2ft. 4in., D sharp, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., J. Taylor, 1932.

3rd: 2ft. 6in., C sharp, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., W. Yare, 1611.

4th: 2ft. 9in., B, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., J. Carter, 1590.

5th: 2ft. 11in., A, 8 cwt. 14 lb., W. Yare, 1611.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.

On Saturday, August 6th, the monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Cannings. It being a beautiful day, a good number attended, and some excellent practice was got through in the standard methods. In the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. S. L. R. Sharpe (who was on holiday), the Guild service was conducted by the branch chairman, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, Mrs. Portch being at the organ. A company of 36 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting, which followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided. He congratulated the band which rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rowde, believed to be the first for the Guild. He welcomed the visitors, mentioning Miss Williams (Bath), Miss D. Feltham (London and South Africa), W. C. Shute and H. J. Ralph (Kington Magna), W. Tiley (Bruton), P. Field (Buckland Newton), F. Looker (Frome) and L. A. Wilson (secretary, Calne Branch, Wootton Bassett).

A proposition by Mr. W. Greenland, seconded by Mr. W. A. Swift, regarding the arrangement of meetings, and a proposition by Mr. W. Greenland, seconded by Mr. S. Hillier, regarding time taken at meetings, were both carried unanimously. These motions appertain to the revision of branch rules 6 and 7.

The secretary reported he had in his possession the bound volume of annual reports from 1921 to 1931 (10 years), which had been done by Mr. C. Raison, of Trowbridge, without cost whatever to the branch.

On the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meers, of Hilperton, the secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation and good wishes from the branch, Mr. Meers having been captain of the St. Michael's ringers, Hilperton, for 13 years.

This closed the meeting, and the ringers then returned to the tower, the following methods being rung: Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandire Triples and Doubles. The following towers attached to the branch were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bromham, Bratton, Holt, All Cannings, Urchfont, Chirton, Rowde, Melksham and Bishop's Cannings.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Blake 1, J. Langstroth 2, C. E. Fisher 3, F. G. Woodruffe (first quarter-peal) 4, T. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 5, F. L. Fisher (first as conductor) 6, J. Woodruffe (first quarter-peal) 7, J. Trounan 8. Ringers of 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are from Woodbridge.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on August 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter to Mr. J. Carter, and also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dexter, Leicester: A. H. Carter 1, E. Lloyd 2, A. Ward 3, A. Chamberlain 4, F. Lloyd 5, W. H. Humberstone (conductor) 6, J. Carter 7, D. Dalby (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples in 43 mins.: P. G. Yeo 1, W. Webb 2, G. Yeo 3, A. Ferris 4, H. Vowles 5, T. Brice 6, H. Knight (conductor) 7, F. Legg 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

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6th: 3ft. 3in., G sharp, 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., W. Yare, 1615.

7th: 3ft. 6in., F sharp, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., J. Carter, 1597.

Tenor: 3ft. 10in., E, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., W. Yare, 1612.

Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, the Vicar admitting 15 ringers and probationers to the office of ringer at morning service, and at evensong the preacher was the Rev. F. B. Girling. Collections during the day for the vestry and ringing chamber fund brought the amount to £21 18s. 9d. Excellent touches of Grandire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the day, the bells being lowered in peal after evensong.

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A YORKSHIRE TOUR.

A DOZEN PEALS IN THE COUNTY OF BROAD ACRES.

The 'touring' season has begun, and the first 'bag' of the year comes from the Yorkshire Moors, or near by, the 'glorious twelfth' having been anticipated by more than a fortnight. Five of the ringing visitors who made up the party came from the South, others were enlisted from the northern counties, and a very successful week's work was put in. Out of 15 attempts, 12 peals were rung, ten of them in five Surprise methods, Cambridge Royal 1, Cambridge Major 3, Superlative 3, London 1, Bristol 1, and Yorkshire 1. The others were Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major.

THE STORY OF THE TRIP.

By W. H. F.

Mr. F. Bennett's 'annual' was taken during the week July 29th-August 5th, Friday to Friday, in the neighbourhood of Bradford, when some 15 towers were invaded, the party meeting with a full share of success. A dozen peals were soundly rung, five Surprise Major methods being employed. Of the three peal losses, we may briefly refer to them as follows: The poor old 'bob-caller,' a ringer who 'also ran' and the kindly 'intrusion' of a churchwarden. At the beginning of my report to 'The Ringing World' about the week's doings, I wish to emphasise the work of the tower secretaries and steeplekeepers, who so kindly helped to 'fit in' their respective belfries to suit the limited hours available each day to the travellers, and last, but not least, to the several hard-working clergymen of an immense industrial area in the county of broad acres who gave us a welcome. Mr. E. Jenkins acted as correspondent clerk; he is better known as 'the Terror,' and I have seen the pile of letters that passed to and fro, and expect the Postmaster-General to show a higher profit in his returns for 1932. Hotel charges are high in Bradford, more in keeping with the price of textiles during the war. With many factories and business premises void, no wonder the rates are 16s. 6d. in the £. Accordingly we cut our coat to suit the cloth, and, on Mr. Joe Broadley's recommendation, put up at a private lodging with Mrs. Black, in Horton Lane, where we could all 'live up' like little olive branches together at 'Olive Bank.' Here we were very comfortable, there were no bickerings beyond the waiting for the 'first whole turn' in the morning and the state of the teapot at night in Shepherd's hands.

THE START.

The actual start began at King's Cross, in the best of humour by four stalwarts—escorted by Mrs. Bennett—per the 10.15 a.m. Leeds express, and all in one compartment amidst the holiday crowds. We were safely received at Bradford Exchange on arrival by the Shepherd and men of local fame, who guided our idle legs to their roosting place.

Burley, our first tower, reached by tramcar, has a light eight, cast in 1830 by Gillett and Johnston, and in good order; similar to Taylor's bells at Northam. The belfry echoed with 'This is all' to our Major, and St. Matthias was thanked for his encouraging 'send off' for the tour. On these outings, a failure at the start is regretted all the week, whilst if the first peals are scored the band will begin to surmise when the 'duck' will fall to their lot. Oh! glorious uncertainty, which will ever make an attempt 'worth while.'

On Saturday morning, after the peal at St. Paul's, Shipley, the conductor kindly expressed his satisfaction at the striking throughout, but, on leaving the tower, we were unable to say if it was a joy peal or a peal of sorrow—a pretty wedding party was then leaving the church, and at the entrance gates stood a funeral cortege waiting to enter. The car of life leads but to the hearse. The burial ground on the north side of the church presents an unusual appearance by numerous tall stone obelisks or pedestals, which were surmounted by the 'storied urn'—I counted over fifteen—which indicated the Puritan ideas when Gray's Elegy became universally known.

Shipley bells, as a ring of six, were installed by Mears and Co. in 1825, the treble and tenor (15 cwt. 6 lb. in F) being added in 1867. The clock was started on June 29th, 1867, and, like the writer, has been going ever since, but 'time' will come! Saturday afternoon was reserved for the effort of the week—Cambridge Royal at Bradford Cathedral. These bells have long since been taught the method by Ted Jenkins, so there was no difficulty in our peal here, excepting that the 'colt' on the second and a well-known composer on the 6th would at times put too much 'T.B.' into it. The bells were an ancient ring of ten from the Loughborough Foundry, total weight 104 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb., raised by public subscription, and opened on September 3rd, 1846, the date of casting appearing on all the bells, and the old tenor weighing 27 cwt. 14 lb. They have since been 'rejuvenated' by the same firm, and there is now a good going ring of bells in a handsome ringing room, for in the year 1921 Taylors were again called in, and the present ring has a tenor of 25½ cwt. Reference to it is recorded on a brass plate fixed to the tower pier facing the aisle:—

'The tenor bell in this tower was given by John and Emily Emsley in proud and loving memory of their only son, Capt. J. A. Emsley, who died 1st December, 1918.

We dreamed of great things of you,
God intervened and so the dream came true.'

On the old treble appeared the inscription, 'Love is the fulfilling of the law.' But there was very little love or law in evidence amongst

the ringers when this text was employed, compared with the brotherly kindness and warm welcome offered to strangers throughout our English belfries to-day. In olden days St. Andrew's fair was the event of the year, and in the churchwardens' accounts of 1683 appears a charge:—

In candles for ye ringers at ye incoming of St. Andrew's fair, 00. 00. 1.'

There were four bells in 1666, cast into six with new metal at a cost of £200 in 1715; the octave was completed in 1750, but did not appear to be very satisfactory, for certain exchanges were made with other churches in Leeds and neighbourhood. In a local controversy about musical pitch, when these bells were agreed to—it was specified that they were to be in 'that most noble and magnificent key of C sharp,' but according to present pitch they were in C natural.

THE RINGERS' 'PEW.'

Headquarters in Bradford were at the Unicorn Hotel, and, like most Cathedral cities, near the Cathedral. Here the visitors were able to fraternise with the Yorkshiremen. The large hall is divided by handsome oak panelling about 4ft. high, which forms a series of stalls each capable of seating a dozen men. One has deservedly been called the 'Ringers' Pew.' Amongst other veterans of the Bradford company we found 'Father' Joseph Broadley, now in his 73rd year, who has probably rung more peals (over 350) for the Yorkshire Association than any other member since first joining in 1879. During the week our 'pew' enabled us to meet Mr. A. J. Hughes, fresh from a holiday in Ireland; Mr. S. Palmer, of Sheffield; Mr. T. Maud, of Pudsey; Mr. Brerley and others, all of whom took a deep interest in our daily doings, and, like the broadcaster, ended with the usual 'Goodnight everybody.'

Sunday morning was devoted to service ringing at the Cathedral, a family pew being reserved for us, by the senior warden, 'under the parson's nose.' A good choir, a lovely Church of England service, with a fine sermon by one of the junior clergy, made up a real hearty Yorkshire service long to be remembered by us all. St. Paul's, Drighlington, tower, high up in the hills a few miles out, was kindly placed at our disposal for the afternoon, Mr. S. Barron waiting upon us. Extensive views of the countryside disclosed Pudsey tower in the distance. Numerous chimney shafts and winding gear on either hand revealed the coal mining nature of the country—the Yorkshire coal-fields. A pleasant return journey by motor bus was made following the peal, also an early bed in preparation for Bank Holiday.

WAKEFIELD.

Proceedings began early on Monday, the programmes—neatly typed with full instructions—stating 'Nelson Street. Bus at 8 a.m. depart.' The Wakefield lads, with Mr. James Moorhouse (1875 in the Yorkshire Association report), met us, and gladly helped to raise and fall the bells for us to save our hands for the blisters to come. It is upwards of quarter of a century since a peal of Cinques was rung on these bells; therefore, the Wakefield men, as well as the visitors, were much disappointed to have the bells 'set up' after 2 hours 53 minutes' good Stedman. Messrs. Pyo Brothers have rung peals in more twelve-bell towers than any other ringer, and, so far, they tie. George thus loses the opportunity of becoming 'one up' on William.

The bells of All Saints' Cathedral were supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, the back ten in 1816, tenor 30 cwt. 9 lb., and were opened on January 20th, 1817. The trebles were added in 1892. The inscription on the smallest bell reminds one of a well-known Dorset ringer, but no relation: 'The gift of Martin Stewart, M.A.' The Cathedral history tells us there were five large bells and one small bell in 1552. Several of them were recast at various times down to the year 1612. In 1639 they were rehung by Thomas Taylor (familiar name), the timbers being brought from Haw Park, near Walton, and a century later, 1739, by James Harrison, a practical ringer, of Barton. Paek and Chapman were entrusted to cast a new ring of eight in 1778, the old bells being handed over and £124 6s. 9d. paid in addition for the job, the tenor then weighing 24 cwt. The ancient custom of morning bells was observed at 8 a.m. every day, two bells being chimed, and up to about 1835 the 6 and 8 a.m. bells were rung every week-day.

The early builders picked a good site, for a parish church stood here—where the Cathedral now is—in very early days. At the time of the Conquest it was in the form of a cross, having a central tower. During the twelfth century the tower fell. The present tower terminates a very long nave, the older portions of the building, as it now stands, having been completed in 1458. Wakefield tower and spire is a Yorkshire landmark, its octagonal base tapering to a height of 247ft., each arched ornamented with numerous crockets right up its apex.

AN OLD MS.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Brief service at 5 p.m., with tea to follow in the Church Hall. Bells of St. Mary's (8) also available in the evening. A good attendance is requested. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Eight Bells Hotel (1s. 3d. per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and encourage the 5-bell ringers.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Election of branch officers.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh on August 20th. Bells available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar and Mr. Newth. Will all those who can attend please notify the secretary as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A card for tea will assist me with arrangements, please.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday afternoon, August 20th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom. Attendance at service will be greatly appreciated. Important business. Tea, 1s. each.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 20th. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at the King's Arms. Ringing during the afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please advise me early. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar. For tea please notify Mr. J. Leather, Potter's Lane, Halebank, near Widnes. Please make a special effort to attend to support the new Vicar. Crosville buses half-hourly from Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District and Lincoln Ladies' Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Elsham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) ready 1 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Business meetings to follow. Roll up. All welcome.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, and H. T. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to take place at Southam on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Black Dog, 1s. 3d. per head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting of districts of these associations will be held at Enfield, Middlesex, on Wednesday, August 24th. St. Andrew's bells from 3. Service at 5. Tea at A.B.C. or Lyons at 5.30. St. Mary's bells from 6.30 to 8. All ringers welcomed.—H. Wacey, W. H. Lawrence and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

DODDERHILL CHURCH, Droitwich, Worcs. — Dedication, by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, Thursday evening, the 25th inst., at 7.30, of peal of eight bells, tenor 18½ cwt. (6 recast and 2 new bells added by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough). All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 27th. Six bells, ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look up your methods.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Old Limpsfield on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, August 23rd? All ringers welcome. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head), business meeting to follow. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 24th.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting and social will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Michael's, Blackburn. Bells available from 2 p.m. at St. Michael's and Cathedral. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in St. Michael's Institute, and social at 7 p.m. Tea 1s. 9d. each, social free, to all who notify Mr. A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn, not later than Friday, August 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea provided at moderate charge for those who notify Mr. H. Bird, Broughton Astley, Leicester, by Thursday, August 25th. Cosby bells open for ringing in the evening if required. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—On Saturday, 27th inst., a special monthly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol East, attended by the last Master, Rev. E. S. Saleby. Please make a special effort to be present. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, 24th inst., those requiring tea. Bus No. 133 or 144 from Old Market.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Warfield (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send me their names not later than August 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please apply for diagram of London Victory (Sutton Delight).—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please inform Mr. J. Webb, 24, King Street, Knutsford, number for tea before August 24th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) at liberty at 1.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., preceded by a short service in church. Meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly district meeting will be held at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—A. Jones, jun., Dis. Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Olney, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. Ringing visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, August 27th.—The bells will be ready for you from 3 p.m. onwards, so come in crowds and enjoy that after-holiday feeling. Tea 5 p.m., Kepier Schools. Post-card to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, 13, Glebe Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring. Heartly welcome to all ringers.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Hazlebeeche (eight bells), on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Will those coming to tea please assist by sending numbers to me by August 23rd.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 5th Crawford Cup Contest will take place at Ordsall on Saturday, August 27th, commencing at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify the hon. secretary. Bells open for visitors at 6.15 p.m. It is hoped that the Haigh memorial will be dedicated on this day. Good attendance requested.—Robt. W. Stockdale, c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chart Sutton and East Sutton on Saturday, August 27th. Ringing at Chart Sutton from 2.30 till 5 o'clock. Tea at Sutton Valence. Ringing at East Sutton after tea.—Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, August 31st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Monday, August 29th? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley, Sussex.

ST. MABYN, CORNWALL.—Two treble bells to complete the octave, and memorial tablet, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Rev. Canon Coleridge and the Archdeacon of Bodmin respectively on Thursday, September 1st, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

DEVON GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hemyock on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Aug. 29th? Uffculme (8 bells) also open.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Leadenham (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Notification for tea by August 29th prompt to Mr. C. McGuinness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by August 29th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, September 3rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 31st? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, September 1st? A. Bradley, Long View, Ingatestone. The bells at Ingatestone will also be available.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

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